

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Currently Amended) Hitting practice training equipment for use by an individual, said
2 equipment comprising:

3 a ~~game-piece~~ ball to be hit by the ~~equipment user~~ individual as part of said hitting
4 practice;

5 means for propelling the ball ~~game-piece~~;

6 means for striking a ~~game-piece~~ ball propelled by said propelling means to impose a force
7 by the striking means against the ~~game-piece~~ ball; [-]

8 a plate on the ground toward which the ball is propelled by the propelling means; and

9 a transmitter located in the plate being separate from the striking means and the hands of
10 the individual and touched by the individual using the striking means used to transmit a signal
11 that causes a ~~game-piece~~ the ball to be propelled by the propelling means in a manner specified
12 by the individual, said transmitter being operated by the individual using the training equipment.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The invention in accordance with claim 1 further comprising a
2 receiver for receiving the transmitted signal, the receiver causing the actuation of the propelling
3 means to propel a ~~game-piece~~ the ball to be hit by the individual using the striking means.

1 3. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 2 wherein the ~~signals are~~
2 signal is transmitted on a wireless basis to the receiver.

1 4. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 3 wherein ~~the game-piece~~
2 ~~is a ball~~, the striking means is a baseball bat and further comprising a home plate that contains
3 ~~the transmitter, the transmitter being actuated to send the transmitted signal by touching the~~
4 ~~home plate.~~

1 5. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 4 wherein after the
2 receiver receives the transmitted signal it delays causing the actuation of the propelling means to
3 propel the ball ~~a game piece~~ for a short period of time.

1 6. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 2 wherein the transmitter
2 is located on the individual apart from the striking means and the hands of the individual and the
3 individual actuates the transmitter to transmit the signal that causes a game piece to be propelled
4 by the propelling means.

1 7. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 6 wherein the ~~signals are~~
2 signal is transmitted on a wireless basis to the receiver.

1 8. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 7 wherein after the receiver
2 receives the transmitted signal it delays causing the actuation of the propelling means to propel a
3 ~~game piece~~ ball for a short period of time.

1 9. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 8 wherein the propelling
2 means is intended to propel the ~~game piece~~ ball toward the individual with the striking means.

1 10. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 2 wherein after the receiver
2 receives the transmitted signal it delays causing the actuation of the propelling means to propel a
3 ~~game piece~~ ball for a short period of time.

1 11. (Original) The invention in accordance with claim 10 wherein the signals are transmitted
2 on a wireless basis to the receiver.

1 12. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 11 wherein ~~the game piece~~
2 ~~is a ball~~, the striking means is a baseball bat and the plate is further comprising a home plate that

3 contains the transmitter, the transmitter being actuated to send the transmitted signal by touching
4 the home plate with the baseball bat.

1 13. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 3 further comprising means
2 for selectively controlling the transmitter to transmit ones of a plurality of signals that the
3 receiver and propelling means respond to and propel a ball ~~game-piece~~ in a different manner for
4 each one of the plurality of signals.

1 14. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 13 further comprising
2 voice activated means that responds to the ~~individuals~~ individual's voice for causing the
3 transmitter to transmit the ones of the plurality of signals that the receiver and propelling means
4 respond to and propel a ~~game-piece~~ ball in a different manner for each one of the plurality of
5 signals.

1 15. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 2 further comprising means
2 for selectively controlling the transmitter to transmit ones of a plurality of signals that the
3 receiver and propelling means respond to and propel a ~~game-piece~~ ball in a different manner for
4 each one of the plurality of signals.

1 16. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 15 further comprising
2 voice activated means that responds to the ~~individuals~~ individual's voice for causing the
3 transmitter to transmit the ones of the plurality of signals that the receiver and propelling means
4 respond to and propel a game piece in a different manner for each one of the plurality of signals.

1 17. The invention in accordance with claim 2 further comprising:
2 voice activated means that responds to the individuals voice for causing the transmitter to
3 transmit different signals that the receiver and propelling means respond to and propel a game
4 piece in a different manner for each one of the different signals.

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1 20. (Currently amended) A method for an individual to have hitting practice using means for
2 propelling ~~game-pieces~~ baseballs toward a home plate and hitting the ~~game-pieces~~ baseballs with
3 a ~~striking-means~~ bat, the method comprising the steps of:

4 transmitting a wireless signal from a transmitter that is in the home plate ~~apart from the~~
5 ~~striking-means and the hands of the individual~~ to cause the actuation of the propelling means to
6 propel a ~~game-piece~~ baseball toward the home plate in a manner specified by the individual; and

7 receiving the transmitted signal and causing the propelling means to propel a ~~game-piece~~
8 baseball in the manner specified by the individual, that the individual will attempt to strike using
9 the bat ~~striking-means~~.

1 21. (Currently amended) The method in accordance with claim 20 wherein the individual
2 causes the transmission of the signal by touching the home plate with the bat when they are
3 ready to attempt hitting a propelled ball ~~game-piece~~.

1 22. (Currently amended) The method in accordance with claim 21 wherein the transmitted
2 signal is received at the propelling means and further comprising the step of delaying the
3 actuation of the propelling means to propel a ~~game-piece~~ ball after the transmitted signal is
4 received.

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1 27. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim ~~[25]~~ 24 further comprising
2 the step of controlling the transmitter to transmit ones of a plurality of signals that the receiver

3 and the propelling means responds to and propels a ~~game piece~~ baseball in a different manner for
4 each one of the plurality of signals.

1 28. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 27 wherein the transmitter
2 has voice activated means and further comprising the step of responding to the voice of the
3 individual and causing the transmitter to transmit the ones of the plurality of signals that the
4 receiver and propelling means respond to and propel a ~~game piece~~ ball in a different manner for
5 each one of the plurality of signals.

1 29. (Currently amended) The invention in accordance with claim 20 wherein the transmitter
2 has voice activated means and further comprising the step of responding to the voice of the
3 individual and causing the transmitter to transmit the ones of the plurality of signals that the
4 receiver and propelling means respond to and propel a ~~game piece~~ ball in a different manner for
5 each one of the plurality of signals.

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1 31. (New) Hitting practice training equipment for use by an individual, said equipment
2 comprising:

3 a ball to be hit by the individual as part of said hitting practice;

4 means for propelling the ball;

5 means for striking a ball propelled by said propelling means to impose a force by the striking

6 means against the ball;

7 a transmitter located on the individual and touched by them to transmit a signal that

8 causes the ball to be propelled towards them by the propelling means in a manner specified by

9 the individual using the transmitter.